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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: 99999999 RICHARDSON, Alvin Charles Serial No.: Group Art Unit: 09/915,603 2176 Filed: Examiner: July 26, 2001 *September September Septe* BASHORE, William L. Title: ADAPTIVELY WEIGHTED Atty. Docket #: PARTITIONED CONTEXT EDIT 06002.1005 DISTANCE STRING MATCHING §

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED ON JUNE 14, 2004

MAIL STOP: Non-fee Amendment Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

To the Office:

The applicant is in receipt of an Official Communication pertaining to the abovereferenced case, the Official Communication having been mailed by the USPTO on June 14,
2004. In the Official Communication, the Office has rejected each of the pending claims, claims
1-30. In this response, the applicants address each and every issue that is raised by the Office in
its Official Communication and submit that the claims, as presented in this response and as
supported by the presented arguments, are in condition for allowance.

Accompanying this response, the applicants file a request for an extension of time and a revocation and appointment of a power of attorney.